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PAVLOV'S DOGS

Round and About – Judas Iscariot

The emergency motion on pay and conditions moved by the NEC (A520) will occupy much of this morning's business, but it is by no means universally popular, with some branches preferring the terms of A1, also down to be moved by the NEC. We are, however, in at the birth of novel constitutional procedure. SOC report 2 shows that A1 has now been X-marked as "overtaken by events". And what events would those be? Well, since you ask, the submission of A520 is the "overtaking event". Branches may wish to bear this interesting device in mind next year, should they wish to change the wording of their own motions at the 11th hour. It helps, in situations like this, to have a compliant SOC.

Speaking of compliant SOCs, there are mutterings amongst the cognoscenti featuring alleged skullduggery between senior officers, elected officials and the SOC aimed at suppressing a particular motion on "legal grounds". The motion contains stinging criticism of the grandees and their attempts to "release" long-standing PCS project workers and only pay them off with the meanest statutory provision payments on their termination.

If the motion was indeed factually incorrect it should simply have been X marked. To suppress it on "legal grounds" implies that it is potentially libellous and that "legal advice" has actually been sought and given. Senior PFL analysts who have seen this motion (and the legal advice) consider that the SOC has acted in a heavy-handed and mistaken way. The motion is not libellous and it should have been published and X-marked on the grounds that it is aimed at the wrong target. (The NEC is not the employer of the staff, PCS is and this motion should have been referred to the GMB which is the proper channel for dealing with staff grievances.) If you give a shit about the actual motion, we'll post it somewhere on the site after you've all gone home.

The grandees pulled a fast one yesterday bringing the final meeting of the old NEC forward three hours from the traditional 9.00 pm start, allegedly because Standing Orders had completed their report for national conference well in advance. This caused much consternation amongst the 4TM NEC members who were expected to show their faces at their own boring bash at 6.30. ROB BRYSON begged to be excused, arguing that it was the duty of every NEC member to attend the meeting but this was slapped

down by DI BREEN who grudgingly agreed that the 4TM bloc should go to the NEC meeting for half-an-hour before bugging off to their own event. Some suspect it was a grandee manoeuvre to sabotage the 4TM rally, but the real reason is that MARK SERWOTKA himself insisted on the early start so that he could get back in time to watch the Cardiff City v Reading Championship play-off semi-final second leg on the box. He needn't have bothered. Cardiff were thrashed 3 - 0.

While the "Bluebirds" and "Royals" battled it out at Cardiff City stadium 4TM loyalists were creeping down to the King's Hotel to plan the next step towards taking power in PCS. Some 30 delegates, observers and ROY LEWIS discussed the pressing issue of RACHEL BARROWCLOUGH'S impending 50th birthday celebrations, the possible non-call up of MADAME WHIPLASH, and other important stuff. In line with 4TM tradition, nothing was decided and there was no collection to pay for the meeting room.



Ms Barrowclough

Political correctness went briefly mad at the beginning of the week. Equality monitoring forms were issued to all delegates for completion at DWP conference. As any fule kno, these are supposed to be entirely anonymous. Yet it took till Tuesday for someone to spot that the form requested identifying details such as Name, DoB, PCS Membership Number and Branch. Almost enough to set up a bank account. Eventually the Group President announced that the form should not be completed, but only after many delegates had already returned the completed forms. Lucky shredder or small bonfire, we suppose. And who is accountable for this gaffe? Step forward JANE AITCHESON.

Meanwhile, DWP delegates were thrilled to discover they were being treated to an address on Welfare Reform by a "national speaker". Who could this person be? Perhaps a retired Labour MP who would try to justify Labour's failed election promises or a socialist professor who would talk over their heads until the President turned off their microphone? Imagine their surprise and barely suppressed yawns when the speaker turned out to be none other than their very own JOHN McINALLY.

Further to our Monday coverage of the return of former Newcastle MENDICANT leader DOREEN PURVIS both to the hallowed halls of the Brighton Centre and the bosom of the LABOUR party she once scorned, we can reveal that unmitigated joy is not quite universal. At the aforementioned election count, Doreen was assigned to reception duties. She was sitting down taking the names of the faithful when a shadow appeared over her. She looked up to discover it was none other than her old persecutor, former CPSA General Secretary ALISTAIR GRAHAM. On recognising DOREEN, GRAHAM took two steps back and failed entirely to suppress the visceral revulsion he obviously felt. The stuck-up, sold-out GEORDIE hissed "what are *you* doing here?" to which DOREEN replied "I could ask the same of you".



Sir Alastair Graham's Belford Hall Investment

Clearly unaware of the shared history MILIBAND SENIOR rushed to pour fuel on the fire by introducing them to each other telling DOREEN "ALISTAIR is a big landowner in these parts. He owns the East Wing of BELFORD HALL." This, it turns out, is a Grade I listed former stately home in nearby Morpeth that has been converted into luxury apartments with a private golf course, set in 27 acres of land. GRAHAM also chairs the residents association. DOREEN'S

response is not printable in a family newspaper.

Sir JOHN ALASTAIR GRAHAM has come a long way since he started his climb up the greasy pole when he left Newcastle's Royal Grammar School. He got his knighthood in the Millennium Honours list

for services to the Parades Commission in Northern Ireland. He's headed the Police Complaints Authority and has run a number of quangos, acquiring the East Wing and a number of other properties in Northumberland on the way. MAREK could get a slice of similar cake if he plays his cards right...

People should really listen to the words and not get carried away with the rhetoric. Speaking at DWP conference SERWOTKA congratulated the 30,000 PCS members who took part in the TUC's massive demonstration against the cuts in London on 26th March which he said was "over 10 per cent of the membership". Our great and glorious leader then went on to say "if we can march in these numbers think what it would be if we strike in these numbers". Ten per cent turn-out? Think about it...

CHRIS BAUGH is still upset with HUGO "Chavez" LANNING whose close ties with the union's Lawyers (THOMPSONS) bring out the paranoia in him. BOFF wants to award the contract elsewhere. If only HUGO were to invite BOFF to the 5 star banquet hosted by THOMPSONS during conference week, all would be well. Fat chance. HUGO wants this trough just for himself.

Meanwhile NEC member, MARK BAKER, launched his campaign to defeat retiring NEC member STEVE COMATOSE on Bristol Council. BAKER polled a startling 70 votes in recent council elections. Bit of work to do there, then.



Fat, bald boy, NEIL LICENCE's super injunction has expired. This allows publication of NEIL's nude cycle ride round the streets of Sheffield. He denies it's him. We report. You decide.

Leader of the PCS Temperance Society, JOHN LYONS (MOD Scotland West) got himself into difficulties when he returned to his hotel room on Monday night. After repeated attempts to get the door to open with his swipe card he stormed down to reception to complain, only to be told that "the card is for the Hilton, and this, sir, is the Grand".

TONY REAY (DWP SE London) was in a philosophical mood yesterday. "There used to be MARK SERWOTKA, STEVE BATTLEMUCH and me on the Conference floor together," he mused. "Now MARK'S General Secretary, STEVE is a senior PCS official in the Birmingham office and I am taking claims to JSA. Where did my union career go wrong?". The answer, TONY, is that you're the only one still in the INDEPENDENT LEFT.

Correspondence Corner (email received last night at PFL HQ)

Hello there

Please could you direct me towards today's on line edition of the PFL from conference? Charlie "the quiff" Sloan has instructed me to look at it but I can't find it on the website. I fully accept that this may be as a result of my simpleton status in relation to all matters IT related, so any help you can offer will be gratefully accepted.

By the way, if you can manage to sell Charlie on to anyone whilst he's there, that help would also be appreciated. Offers of part exchange will be considered as long as they're accompanied by a recent photo, a bank statement and a report from a health care professional written in the last 3 months. [not ATOS!]. Chocolate will also smooth the part exchange negotiations.

Thanks

Helen McGuire x

PFL Guide to Conference Etiquette

It is difficult to exaggerate the scale of threat facing workers today in the Civil and Public Services. But we'll do our best.

We assemble this year to face the most severe attack on jobs, pay, pensions and services since the Norman Conquest. The decisions you will take this week could affect the future of mankind and possibly even the integrity of the space time continuum. Believe it or not, Annual Conference is the principal policy making body of the union. Deal with it.

The success of our debates depends on good order and friendly engagement. Remember, for the most part, our enemies are not inside the conference hall. Here then, is our short guide to conference conduct.

1 Treat delegates with caution and respect. Remember they are still wild animals

2 Never look a delegate in the eye. They'll assume you're offering to buy the next round

3 Raise a point of order whenever you feel bored or restless or if you need to curry favour with the partisan group of your choice

4 Recognise that most people speaking in debates have no more of a clue what they're talking about than you do

5 Encourage others to participate in conference debate, particularly Observers

6 If you feel under pressure, do something different. Take your shoes off. Eat an orange. Plait the hair of the two delegates in front of you and tie them together. Enjoy yourself. It's conference

Finally, during your stay at conference, you will find it difficult to avoid Brighton's Hotels, restaurants and bars. You'll find that the staff are stressed out during conference week as the effort of deciphering a bewildering blend of Scottish and Northern accents takes its toll. Taking abuse is NOT part of their job. For that you want the Community Police or the Ladyboys of Bangkok.

PFLCPSA NEWS

We're waiting to meet the heroes from CPS Yorkshire and Humberside who submitted Motion 485 to the agenda. Scandalously it has been D marked, in order to ensure it doesn't get a public hearing, so - if you haven't already - you should support the Reference Back. In the tradition of the deepest cover agents, even we don't know who they are but, if you see one, bring to their attention that Probationary Martyr Status awaits, should they find time to sidle up to one or more of the Imams at our covert Information Point. In the unlikely event that the motion is ever passed in open court, we do not, of course, require ritual public humiliation of the NEC. £20 a head would be more than adequate. And we'll bung in a free Self Immolation Starter Pack.

Don't flagellate yourselves if you've missed Monday and Tuesday's copy. Everything you see in these pages during the week, and the copy from the previous 33 years of our subtle "management of expectations" can all be found at www.pflcpsa.com, together with a lot of the background material which justifies most of it. Unlike the PCS website, ours remains accessible from anywhere in the world except a small area of Clapham Junction. That's what you get, PIEMAN, when you defy the will of the masses as expressed in D485.

Donations, donations, donations. Yesterday, apparently, I forgot to mention donations. Fortunately our loyal readers didn't and here's Wednesday's edition to prove it. Donations help to defray print costs. Bribes, on the other hand, can achieve minor miracles. Keep it coming. Anyone donating a tenner or more is entitled to a complementary SI Starter Pack, as are purchasers of our collectible **£12 PFL 2011 T-Shirts** currently available in XL-XXXL. Other sizes available on demand (same day delivery, for orders placed up to 1pm)

Debriefings taking place at the OLD SHIT – 10-11pm. Get there early if you want a seat. They're getting crowded. If you can't make the debrief, or cannot risk blowing your cover, use the secret channels up until 3 am. We hereby declare National Conference open for business. Proceed with care.

No one whose testicles are crushed or whose male organ is cut off shall enter the assembly of the Lord. Deut 23:1 Exxon Revised